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found in its ameliorated condition a year or two hence, to possess many advantages denied to other parts of India."

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4. HISTORY OF THE COORG RĀJAHS

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The Rājendranāme (account of Rājendra, the king of heroes) is the work of Dodda-Virājendra Vodeya, the hero of Coorg History and the beau ideal of the Coorgs of a warrior king, and comprises, from 1633 to 1807, a period of 175 years 2 months and 7 days.

A manuscript copy of the Canarese original was found in the Archives at Mercara in 1834, and, with the original English translation obtained from the records of the Chief Commissioner's Office at Bangalore, was edited by Dr. Moegling

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and printed for the Madras Government in the Mangalore Mission Press in 1857. The subjoined seal of the Coorg Rājahs ornaments the front page. The names of the Rājah and of his ancestors as well as those of English Governor Generals, Governors and other high functionaries are written with red ink throughout the book. The chronicle is very well written. It gives the history of Coorg, especially the account of the Rājah's exploits and of his intercourse with the officers of the East India Company in simple language. Not one foolish story, not one improper expression, disfigures this Canarese